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1. ANNEX C - READINESS AND REINFORCEMENT (REF A) TO
SACEUR'S LETTER DATED JULY 10, 1977 (REF B) FORWARDED
PROPOSALS FOR SHORT-TERM DEFENSE IMPROVEMENT IN
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ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE. THE PROPOSED OBJECTIVES FOR READI-
NESS AND REINFORCEMENT LISTED FOR THE UNITED STATES AN
OBJECTIVE: "EXPLORE MORE RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF AN MAF TO
THE NORTHERN REGION, TO INCLUDE FORWARD STATIONING OF SE-
LECTED UNITS IN THE UK." A SIMILAR OBJECTIVE WAS LISTED
FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM: "EXPLORE WITH THE US THE POSSI-
BILITY OF STATIONING SELECTED US MAF UNITS IN THE UK."

2. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF STUDYING THIS OPTION AND ARE CURRENTLY CONDUCTING AN ASSESSMENT WHICH SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSES THE QUESTION AND SHOULD PRODUCE THE NEEDED PARAMETERS TO CONSIDER IN A MEANINGFUL JOINT VENTURE WITH THE UK.

3. MISSION SHOULD INFORM UK MISSION THAT THE US IS STUDYING THIS MEASURE AND AS SOON AS WE HAVE THE PARAMETERS IN HAND, WE WILL CONSULT WITH THEM. YOU SHOULD FURTHER ADVISE THEM THAT WE ARE STUDYING THE USE OF USMC IN SUPPORT OF NATO AND THE POSSIBILITY OF FORWARD STATIONING OF SELECTED USMC FORCES AS A SHORT-TERM OBJECTIVE ON READINESS AND REINFORCEMENT.

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